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SUBJECT: JUNE 25/26 EC COUNCIL MEETING

1. SUMMARY: THYSBAERT, FONMIN ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET HANDLING EC AFFAIRS, HAS EXPRESSED TO US SATISFACTION THAT THE COUNCIL REACHED AGREEMENT ON A MTN POSITION. THIS ALONE HE CONSIDERED GREAT ACHIEVEMENT, WHICH CLEARLY REFLECTED A COMMUNITY DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE. THYSBAERT WAS NOT ENTIRELY PESSIMISTIC ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. HE SAID MANY BELIEVED THAT A GESTURE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE U. S. FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS. HE HOPED THIS COULD BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING. THYSBAERT ALSO THOUGHT THAT OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER CONCESSION TO U. S.

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ON CITRUS BETTER NOW THAT ITALIANS HAD BEEN SATISFIED WITH
PENETRATION

PAYMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THYSBAERT, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CABINET TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
HANDLING COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HAS EXPRESSED TO US SATISFACTION WITH
THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING MTN. WHILE HE
BELIEVES THAT THE END- PRODUCT MAKES CLEAR THE WILLINGNESS OF THE
COMMUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD, HE THOUGHT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
WAS THAT A POSITION HAD BEEN AGREED UPON. HE HAD EARLIER BEEN
FEARFUL THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE ON ANY POSITION AT ALL.

3. THYSBAERT DID NOT SEEM TO BE TOO DISAPPOINTED OVER ABSENCE OF
AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. HE INDEED EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT
NO LINKAGE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN AGREEING TO THE MTN
POSITION AND THE POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. SUCH A LINKAGE MIGHT
HAVE RESULTED IN A FAILURE TO AGREE ON EITHER SUBJECT.

4. HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY PESSIMISTIC REGARDING THE
OUTLOOK ON THE SOLUTION OF THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 PROBLEM. HE
REITERATED THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION THAT NOTHING WAS OWED TO THE
U. S. HAVING SAID THAT, HOWEVER, HE REMARKED THAT SEVERAL
MEMBERS THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE SOMETHING TO THE U. S.
FOR "PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS". HE REFERRED TO THE EBERLE/
DAHRENDORFF ARRANGEMENTS OF EARLY 1972 AS A PATTERN WHICH MIGHT
BE APPLICABLE IN THIS CASE. HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE ARTICLE
XXIV:6 ISSUE CLOSED, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AGAIN
BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS JULY MEETING. HE HOPED THAT SOMETHING
MIGHT BE WORKED OUT FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL BEFORE THAT TIME.

ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THAT TIME WAS VERY SHORT BETWEEN NOW AND
THE MEETING.

5. THYSBAERT CONSIDERED THE MEDITERRANEAN POLICY A CLOSED ISSUE,
ALTHOUGH HE RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED THAT THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY
IS STILL UNSETTLED. WE REMINDED HIM IN STRONG TERMS OF OUR
UNHAPPINESS ON THIS SCORE AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT BELGIUM
CONTINUES TO SIDE WITH THE FRENCH. ON THE OTHER HAND, THYSBAERT
WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC ON THE OUTLOOK FOR DOING SOMETHING FOR THE
U. S. ON CITRUS FRUIT IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DECISIONS OF THE
AGRICULTURE MINISTERS. HE THOUGHT THAT WITH THE ITALIANS
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NOW HAVING BEEN BOUGHT OFF WITH PENETRATION ALLOCATIONS, IT MIGHT
BE EASIER TO GET COMMUNITY ARRANGEMENT FOR AN IMPROVEMENT
IN THE TREATMENT OF U. S. CITRUS FRUIT. WE, OF COURSE, URGED
THYSBAERT IN THAT DIRECTION. STRAUSS- HUPE

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